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The Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20201

Attention: Mr. John G. Kester
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy, the Select Committee on Assassinations requests the last known address and phone number of
is mentioned in Commission Exhibit 918.

The Select Committee also requests access to all files and index references on the following individual:

Dave Yaras - Date of birth: 11/17/12
Place of birth: Chicago, Illinois.
Date of death: 1/5/74. FBI # 655697.

Finally, with respect to the fact sheet accompanying your letter of March 28, 1978 which states that "it is impossible to estimate accurately the 'average' amount of time required for a hardship dependency discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 1957," the Committee requests that the Department of Defense either conduct a random survey on the issue or provide an explanation indicating why it is not possible to conduct such a survey and addressing the following questions:

1) Was it unusual in 1959 for individuals requesting hardship discharges from the Marine Corps to submit, as Oswald did, proper supporting documentation at the time of filing their initial hardship discharge application?

2. Was it unusual in 1959 for an application for a hardship discharge to be submitted, processed, and granted within 11 days?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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